

92-71-4

**ACTION-COPY**

8/5/76

26 AUG 6 AM 10 37

R

NNNN

**UNCLASSIFIED**

**CU 079**

VV ESA642D0A239

RR RUESBA  
 DE RUESDO #2923 2191110  
 ZNY CCCCC ZZH  
 R 052004Z AUG 76  
 FM AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO  
 TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 1879  
 INFO RUESBA/AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES 6114  
 BT

TO	ACT	INF	TO	ACT	INF
AMB			DAO		
DCM			L. GATT		
			DEA		
POL	3		FAS		
EX-AM			AID		
FOI/R			MILGP		
CONS			PEA		
ADM			GSO		
ISIS			B & F		
ECI			C. R. N		
SY			IF		

**MONTEVIDEO 2923**

E.O. 11652: N/A  
 TAGS: PINT, UY  
 SUBJ: ORDER FOR WILSON FERREIRA'S ARREST

REF: MONTEVIDEO 2911

1. IN DISCUSSION AUGUST 5 WITH AMBASSADOR, TWO HIGH RANKING ARMY OFFICERS STATED THAT WARRANT FOR FERREIRA'S ARREST HAD BEEN PENDING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND WAS RELATED TO POSSIBLE MOVE ON HIS PART TO HAVE HIMSELF KIDNAPPED BY TUPAMAROS FOR POLITICAL MOTIVES BEFORE HE LEFT URUGUAY VOLUNTARILY IN MID-1973. THEY DENIED EMPHATICALLY THAT WARRANT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH ANY OF FERREIRA'S ACTIVITIES OR ASSOCIATES IN ARGENTINA OR ELSEWHERE. THEY EXPLAINED THAT SHOULD HE BE TRIED AND FOUND GUILTY, CHARGE AGAINST HIM CARRIES MAXIMUM PRISON SENTENCE OF ONE TO TWO YEARS.

2. OFFICERS ADDED THAT FERREIRA'S PROPERTY HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE CONFISCATED, ALTHOUGH LATTER COULD OCCUR SHOULD HE BE FOUND GUILTY. HIS PROPERTY REMAINS UNDER EMBARGO, HOWEVER, WHICH MEANS HE NOT FREE DISPOSE OF IT ALTHOUGH CAN STILL BE MANAGED FOR HIM BY HIS LAWYER.

3. WARRANT IS MAJOR TOPIC CONVERSATION HERE WITH MOST RESPONSIBLE PERSONS CONSIDERING IT ILL-TIMED AND EVEN UNNECESSARY AND WHICH WILL ONLY PLAY INTO FERREIRA'S HANDS AND DETRACT FURTHER FROM URUGUAY'S IMAGE ABROAD.

SIRACUSA  
 BT  
 #2923

[REDACTED]

**UNCLASSIFIED DECONTROL**

80F178  
21/185

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)  
 U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS  
 Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

☒ Release ( ) Excise ( ) Deny  
 Exemption(s):

☒ In Part (X) In Full **DECLASSIFIED**  
 ( ) Classify as ( ) Extend as ( ) Downgrade to  
 Date Declassify on Reason